

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kazuki Takahashi Art Unit : 2875
Serial No. : 10/816,137 Examiner : Kazuki Takahashi
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Title : HEADLAMP APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 25, 2006, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b. The required fee in the amount of \$1700, which includes the issue fee and the publication fee, is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges, or any credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant previously submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) together with the application on April 1, 2004. The Examiner returned the form 1449 that accompanied the IDS together with an Office action, dated November 29, 2005. However, one of the references listed on the form 1449 (JP 2002-2053) was crossed out by the Examiner without an explanation as to why that was done despite the fact that the submission of that reference was in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. In particular, a copy of the reference was submitted with an indication in the IDS that the relevance of the reference was discussed on page 3 of the specification of the pending application.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return a copy of the form 1449 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the reference (JP 2002-2053).

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any

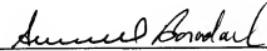
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particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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